

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO PROF. MARK SARGENT

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a friend, constituent, lawyer, and academician who has reached a new pinnacle in an already distinguished career, Prof. Mark Sargent.

Professor Sargent will soon be relinquishing his current job at the University of Maryland School of Law, where he teaches and serves as associate dean for academic affairs, to accept the position of dean of the Villanova University Law School. As an attorney, I know many fine lawyers who have distinguished themselves in the courtroom as well as the classroom. Yet Mark is the only attorney I know whose accomplishments earned him a trusteeship over the future of the legal profession itself.

Mark Sargent, a man of great integrity, keen mind, and a scholarly passion for the law, is uniquely qualified to undertake this assignment. Prior to accepting his current assignment at the University of Maryland, Mark held teaching posts at the University of Baltimore Law School; Southern Methodist University Law School; and the Washington College of Law at American University. Mark's teaching style has earned him great praise. He was named the 1994-95 "Teacher of the Year" at the University of Maryland; and received the Spirit of Excellence Award at the University of Baltimore in 1984.

An acknowledged expert on business and securities law, Mark has written, coauthored, or edited dozens of articles which have appeared in legal journals across the Nation. He has also written or cowritten a total of three legal textbooks. In addition to his academic success, Mark has been a fixture in Maryland's legal community, and has chaired numerous committees of the Maryland Bar Association regarding various aspects of business and corporate law.

My respect for Mark Sargent goes beyond his many professional achievements. Early in my career, as a young associate at the Baltimore law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes, & Shriver, I met Mark's wife Joan, also an associate, and have been friends with her ever since. Bright and talented in her own right, Joan currently works as a staffer in my district office. Moreover, my wife Kendel, a graduate of the University of Baltimore Law School, is a former student of Mark's.

I wish Mark Godspeed as he assumes his new responsibilities later this year. As much as I will personally miss Mark and Joan, I am happy that this opportunity has presented itself to a man who so richly deserves it. The Maryland legal community's loss is Villanova Law School's gain.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF JACKIE ROOSEVELT ROBINSON

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleague, the gentle lady from Florida, Congresswoman CARRIE MEEK, to commemorate an important occasion. Fifty years ago this month, Jackie Robinson broke major league baseball's color barrier. When he made his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson opened doors closed to African-American athletes. This week, activities are being held across the country to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who changed the course of history. I am honored to join my colleagues and others as we recognize the historic accomplishments of Jackie Robinson.

When he entered the major baseball league, Jackie Robinson carried the hopes and aspirations of the black community on his shoulders. It wasn't an easy road. When they recruited him, it is reported that Robinson signed a contract which included a clause that he turn his cheek to all abuse for 2 years. Jackie Robinson encountered the unrest of his teammates, some of whom wanted to be traded rather than play with Robinson. He was also barred from staying in that team's hotel in St. Louis and Philadelphia, and several clubs threatened to boycott games in which Jackie Robinson played. Through it all, Jackie Robinson endured. He changed people and he changed America.

Mr. Speaker, many of us in this Chamber can recall watching Jackie Robinson during his legendary career. As a young man in Cleveland, OH, I recall that Jackie Robinson was a hero and a role model who inspired me to set goals and then achieve them. It is fitting that we recognize the efforts of an individual who started America on a new course in race relations.

A few days ago, President Clinton spoke at Shea Stadium on the significance of Jackie Robinson's life. He said that Jackie Robinson, "changed the face of baseball and the face of America forever." Others recalled the passage from Jackie Robinson's gravestone which reads: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." I take pride in honoring Jackie Robinson on this important occasion. He is more than a hero and more than a legend in the eyes of all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 91, I was detained by important events in my

State. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

BLOOMFIELD CITIZENS COUNCIL AWARDS

HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of Pittsburgh residents who will be honored on May 2 with 1997 Bloomfield Citizens Council awards. Every year, the Bloomfield Citizens Council grants these awards to members of the community who have made a significant contribution to the quality of life in Bloomfield.

For 23 years of sharing her musical gifts with the children and adults of Bloomfield, Ginny Plowey has been selected as the 1997 recipient of the Mary Cercone Outstanding Citizen Award.

A Public Safety Award will be bestowed upon city of Pittsburgh Police Officer R. Thomas Jacques for his work in keeping zone 5 safe. I should also note that Officer Jacques was recently married and that he and his wife are currently on their honeymoon. I want to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

A Public Safety Award will also be given to Pittsburgh Police Commander Maurita Bryant for her leadership in protecting the residents of zone 5.

The recipient of the Community Commitment Award this year will be the Bloomfield Community Food Pantry. The Bloomfield Community Food Pantry utilizes the services of between 30 and 40 volunteers to provide a helping hand to more than 100 people in need.

Jack Schimmel, a lifelong resident of Bloomfield, will be honored with the Neighborhood Loyalty Award. He has been active in the Bloomfield Lions organization over the last 24 years, serving as both club secretary and club president during that time. He has also been actively involved in sponsoring and supervising athletics programs for young people in the community.

The Ateleta Beneficial Society and the Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society will each receive Heritage Awards this year. The Ateleta Beneficial Society was organized in 1924 by 235 Italian-Americans from the town of Ateleta, Abruzzi, and since that time it has promoted camaraderie and brotherhood. The Bloomfield Liedertafel Singing Society was founded in 1884, and for over 110 years it has preserved and promoted traditional German vocal music, an important component of German culture.

For their creative use of lights to depict a massive Christmas tree, as well as a number of other symbols of the season, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Armenti will receive the Most Creative Christmas Design Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Caldwell will receive an award for Most Charming Decorated Home,

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receiving an award for the second straight year.

Scott Graham will receive the Keeping Christ in Christmas Award.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick DiGiacomo will receive the Most Festive in Contemporary Style Award for their Christmas light display.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Magliocco will receive the Most Festive in Traditional Style Award for their Christmas decorations. This will be their second award in as many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyers will receive the Award for Most Original Use of Colors. This year, the Meyers' house and yard were decorated with miniature pastel lights.

The entire Weimerskirch family has been selected to receive the Most Creative Use of Christmas Colors Award. Their house and yard were decorated exclusively with red and green light bulbs this year.

And finally, Nancy Hilliard Goldberg will receive the Most Extensive Property Decoration Award for decorating every inch of her block-long property in memory of her late husband, Sam Goldberg.

The individuals receiving this year's Bloomfield Citizens Council awards have all made significant contributions to the quality of life in Bloomfield. They deserve recognition for their efforts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, on two recent occasions, I was unavoidably detained on official business in my congressional district while the House was in session. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 72 and 73 and "no" on rollcall vote 85. I ask that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the permanent RECORD.

SALUTING THE ORGANIZERS OF THE THYAGARAJA FESTIVAL

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize an extraordinary group of citizens in my congressional district. Recently, the music department at Cleveland State University hosted the 1997 Thyagaraja Festival. This 2-week celebration marked the 20th anniversary of the Thyagaraja Festival. This festival enables international musicians from the country of India and other parts of the globe to come and perform in the city of Cleveland. In addition, this event offers those in attendance an opportunity to witness an array of cultural performances. Visitors travel from a majority of the United States from Arizona to California and Connecticut to Alaska. Others came from Hong Kong and India to be a part of these phenomenal activities.

This year, the festival's total attendance was estimated at 12,000; the event included the children's music competition, the Aradhana and luncheon, the ballet, Lakshmi Probhavam,

and 18 full-length concerts. The total number of participants is indicative of the tireless effort and dedication put forth by the Cleveland State University Music Department and other volunteers to organize such a spectacular event.

Mr. Speaker, while some countries within our international community are stricken with obstacles such as war and poverty, the Thyagaraja Festival stands as an illustration of our city and Nation's commitment to international unity and appreciation for cultural diversity. Again, I salute the organizers of the 1997 Thyagaraja Festival for creating an opportunity for the city of Cleveland and our great Nation to partake in an attempt to increase multicultural awareness and secure global peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 90, I was detained by important events in my State. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today, along with Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. STARK, the Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly [PACE] Act of 1997. Our bill would provide coverage of PACE under the Medicare Program and establish PACE as a Medicaid State option.

As many know, PACE is a quality, cost-effective long-term care program that was pioneered by On Lok Senior Health Services in San Francisco, CA. The PACE program is a fully-capitated acute and long-term health care program in which all covered services are provided through a single organization or a single provider of care, including not only the long-term care services and inpatient hospitalization, but physician services, nurses, physical, occupational and recreational therapists, social workers, dietitians, home health aides and medical equipment suppliers. PACE programs receive capitation payments from Medicare and Medicaid, and in the case of individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid, private individuals. These payments provide payers savings relative to their expenditures in the traditional Medicare, Medicaid, and private payer systems. Finally, PACE programs are unique in that they assume total financial risk and responsibility for all acute and long-term care without limitation.

PACE evolved in response to problems which exist in the current long-term care system, a system that is biased toward institutional care, leads to discontinuity and duplication in the provisions of services, and affords little control over utilization of services and costs. These problems can lead to fragmented care, repeated and lengthy hospital stays,

family stress, premature nursing home placement, and impoverishment.

By expanding the availability of community-based long-term care services, tightly integrating all aspects of their enrollee's care, and emphasizing preventive and supportive services, PACE programs have substantially lowered the utilization of high-cost, inpatient services. In turn, dollars that would have been spent on hospital and nursing home care services are used to expand the availability of community-based care which, again reduces the need for higher-cost institutional care. As a result, PACE enrollees are able to remain at home and enjoy a better quality of life.

The PACE Coverage Act of 1997 offers an alternative to traditional long-term care which has been proven effective—both in terms of quality and cost. While we recognize that PACE is not the only solution to problems facing frail, older Americans, it is one solution that has withstood the test of time and the scrutiny which comes with being visible. On Lok, the first of the PACE programs, has been in existence since 1972 and began offering the full spectrum of PACE services in 1983. In 1986, Congress authorized demonstration waivers for up to 10, later 15, organizations seeking to replicate the achievements of On Lok in San Francisco. These programs have accumulated more than six decades of experience. Based on the success of these pioneers, it is time to make PACE programs available to eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries on a broader scale.

The purpose of our bill is to make this important alternative available across the Nation. It is also urgently needed. As mentioned, 15 demonstration sites were authorized. Far more than that number are now waiting in the wings to serve our frail elderly citizens. By establishing qualified programs as providers, we also will facilitate the ability of the private sector to insure these services and to contract with PACE programs on behalf of individuals who would benefit from this type of care. Again, this, of course, would be voluntary. What we are doing here is providing another significant resource.

As we examine the needs of the elderly, we need to look for ways to move beyond existing programs to make coordinated care networks a permanent competitive options for all beneficiaries, and the PACE model provides a strong foundation for us on which to build.

RECOGNITION OF HAMILTON ELEMENTARY AS ONE OF THE TOP TITLE I SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

HON. HAROLD E. FORD, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise Hamilton Elementary School in Memphis, TN. On May 6, the U.S. Department of Education will recognize Hamilton Elementary as one of the top title I schools in the Nation. This is a prestigious award, based on rigorous and competitive process. Schools must compete with tens of thousands of elementary schools from around the United States for this award. The award recognizes a school's ability to help children meet high academic standards

and advanced levels of performance. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Hamilton Elementary. When we set high education standards, children, parents, teachers, and administrators respond. Hamilton Elementary stands as a model for the entire Nation.

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is the Nation's largest Federal investment in local schools. It directs approximately \$7 billion each year to cover 50,000 schools districts in the United States with high numbers of low-income families and students. With an emphasis on high academic standards and accelerated learning in core subjects, it is transforming schools like Hamilton Elementary. Title I is an investment that will pay dividends for years to come.

Our work, however, is not over. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the Nation's report card, only 28 percent of fourth graders read at a proficient or advanced level. Only 21 percent of eighth graders are proficient in math. On Friday, the Department of Education reported that "education and training are strongly associated with increased productivity, higher rates of employment and higher paying jobs for Americans." At the same time, other industrialized nations are making productivity gains as these countries spend more to train and educate their work force.

Today, more than ever, we owe it to our children to give them the education and skills they need to become productive participants in today's marketplace. High technology companies will shape the next generation of successful businesses in the 21st century. If we do not educate and train our young people to enter these high-skilled, high-wage jobs, our global competitors will pass us. Hamilton Elementary is doing its part and I applaud them for it. I call on my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring their accomplishment.

STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization in Bucks County, the Students in Free Enterprise, located at the Bucks County Community College.

Students in Free Enterprise [SIFE] is a nonprofit, international organization including over 400 chapters on the campuses of U.S. colleges and universities. SIFE has continually encouraged the free enterprise system through educational programs since its inception more than 20 years ago by Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart. Students in the organization dedicate their time and resources to helping others develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing, and teaching the principles of free enterprise. SIFE is not only involved with the encouragement of the free enterprise system, but has worked closely with many national and international charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Lung Association, and the Civil Air Patrol on various projects. The student organization at the Bucks County Community College has also in-

stituted programs such as Reading Empowers and Directs Youth [READY] and Children Are Really Extra Special [CARES] to teach children important computer skills.

The Students in Free Enterprise is a valuable asset to the people of Pennsylvania. In honor of their many charitable and civic contributions, I join my colleagues in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in recognizing May 20, 1997 as Students in Free Enterprise Day.

I congratulate them on this day as they continue their mission of helping people achieve their dreams through free enterprise education.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE URGES FAIRNESS FOR LEGAL IMMIGRANTS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 1997

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the Massachusetts State Senate passed a resolution urging us to reverse the cruel and unwise policy adopted last year in the welfare bill of cutting off basic income support to legal residents of this country who are unable to support themselves.

I thought this was a grave error when it was proposed and worked hard against it. I regretted its passage and signature by the President. And since that time, our worst fears have come true. I've heard from people throughout my district about the terrible social harm that will result from this unjust policy. Russian Jews in the northern part of my district who came to the United States as refugees from Communist anti-Semitism; hard-working elderly Portuguese immigrants who came to this country and worked hard for some time before illness struck them; Indo-Chinese residents who came to the United States because they had been supportive of our efforts during the Vietnam war—these are examples of the decent, hard-working, wholly innocent people who are victims of last year's grave error.

The Massachusetts Legislature is trying to address this, but it is an outrage for this Congress to impose on the States the financial responsibility that ought to rest at the Federal level. States have enough financial problems without being forced to serve as a backup for Federal callousness. Mr. Speaker, the Massachusetts Senate, composed of elected officials who live day to day with this problem and fully understand it, expresses the point very well and I congratulate Senator Linda Melconian for taking the lead on this issue and I ask that the resolution adopted by the Massachusetts Senate be printed here.

RESOLUTIONS URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTORE FEDERALLY FUNDED BENEFITS TO LEGAL IMMIGRANTS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES

Whereas, in August of Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-six, the United States Congress enacted the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, so-called; and

Whereas, Congress in said Act forbade use of Federal funds to provide benefits for financially needy immigrants lawfully residing in the United States; and

Whereas, legal immigrants pay taxes and contribute in many ways to the productivity and vitality of our communities; and

Whereas, the United States was founded and built by immigrants; and

Whereas, because Congress has abdicated its financial responsibility, the financial burden of the action by Congress falls unfairly on the States and needy residents of the States; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate respectfully requests that the President and the Congress of the United States restore to the States the authority to provide Federally funded benefits to needy, lawful residents of the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Senate respectfully requests that the United States Congress and the President restore to the Commonwealth adequate Federal funding to allow for the provision of benefits for financially needy immigrants lawfully residing in this Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States of America, the Presiding Officer of each branch of the United States Congress, and each member of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES FARMER, CIVIL RIGHTS FREEDOM FIGHTER

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 24, 1997

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, the civil rights struggle was a pivotal point in American history. It not only changed the course of our Nation, but how we look at each another today. In the annals of history, names of heroic citizens are sometimes overlooked, as is often the case in turbulent times. It is for this reason that as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I am pleased that my colleague, the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. LEWIS, reserved this time today. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the few living trailblazers in America's struggle for civil rights, Mr. James L. Farmer.

Mr. Farmer was a founder of the Congress of Racial Equality, or CORE, which was a pioneering organization in nonviolent protest. Through Mr. Farmer's design, execution, and leadership, a form of peaceful protest—known as Freedom Rides—was organized throughout the South as part of the movement that led to desegregation and passage of the Civil Rights Act.

James Farmer grew up in the shadow of segregation in Mississippi. As a child, he felt the weight of racism and knew that he would eventually help bring segregation to its knees. He was right. As the son of a clergyman and the first African-American Ph.D. recipient in Texas, James Farmer grew up steeped in religion and education. He was supposed to follow his father's path to the pulpit, but could not bring himself to preach before a church that was segregated, as his was. But it was during his education at Howard University School of Divinity that he was moved by the teachings of Mohandas Gandhi, and the seed of nonviolent protest was planted firmly in his mind.

In 1942, Mr. Farmer organized sit-ins at segregated lunch counters in Chicago, and it

was in that period that CORE was founded. After World War II, Mr. Farmer wanted to test the reality of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling which declared that segregation of interstate buses was indeed unconstitutional in 1947.

Mr. Speaker, it was in 1961 that integrated groups of brave individuals boarded buses to travel throughout the South on what were known as Freedom Rides. These riders were threatened, beaten, and jailed, but they never wavered in their struggle for the equality they

knew all Americans were due. Mr. Speaker, these Freedom Rides became a very important component in the struggle for civil rights.

The riders were made up of intrepid and dignified individuals such as my colleague JOHN LEWIS, with whom I am so proud to serve in the U.S. Congress. I want my colleagues to know, however, that the Freedom Rides were the work of Jim Farmer. Mr. Farmer, who still resides nearby outside of Fredericksburg, VA, deserves our deepest grati-

tude. It is time that we recognize Mr. Farmer as the historic civil rights figure that he is. I sincerely hope that President Clinton will give him this consideration in his selection of Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients, and I thank the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS] for taking this special order to honor Jim Farmer. It is entirely fitting and proper that Mr. LEWIS, himself a great civil rights leader, lead us in this special order this evening.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 1997, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 30

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings on the nomination of Andrew J. Pincus, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

Labor and Human Resources

To hold hearings to examine equal opportunity issues in the Federal construction industry.

SD-430

Rules and Administration

To resume hearings to discuss revisions to Title 44, relating to the operations of the Government Printing Office.

SR-301

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the structure and modernization of the National Guard.

SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the impact of emerging trade issues on the U.S. consumer.

SR-253

Finance

To hold hearings on increasing children's access to health care.

SD-215

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the operations of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Securities Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on social security investment in the securities markets.

SD-538

2:00 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the use of "Telepresence", the enabling technology for telemedicine and distance learning.

SR-253

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings on fighting crime and violence in the District of Columbia.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Select on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 1

9:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-192

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Labor and Human Resources

Public Health and Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine biomedical research priorities.

SD-430

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Resources.

SD-124

Armed Services

Readiness Subcommittee

To resume hearings on S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999, focusing on the Department of Defense Depot maintenance privatization initiatives.

SR-222

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

SD-538

Foreign Relations

Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the extent of religious persecution in the Middle East.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on proposals to develop and implement management reforms to provide the Department of Defense with strategies and techniques to increase effectiveness, reduce costs, and minimize risks associated with program and administrative management.

SD-342

Judiciary

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Small Business

To hold hearings on the Small Business Administration's finance programs.

SR-428A

11:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Immigration Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings on the Immigration and Naturalization Services,

focusing on criminal record verification process for citizenship applicants.

SH-216

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 357, to authorize the Bureau of Land Management to manage the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

SD-366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the nomination of Stuart E. Eizenstat, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs.

SD-419

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to discuss certain issues with regard to the ABM Treaty, focusing on the national missile defense program.

SD-342

Select on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters.

SH-219

MAY 2

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic

To hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April and the Consumer Price Index.
1334 Longworth Building

MAY 5

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds.

SD-366

MAY 6

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on the nomination of Elizabeth Anne Moler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

SD-366

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Joint Economic Committee, and the Joint Committee on Printing.

S-128, Capitol.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine encryption issues in the information age.

SD-226

2:00 p.m.

Appropriations
Foreign Operations Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on Russia and the Newly Independent States.
S-128, Capitol

Judiciary

Youth Violence Subcommittee
To hold hearings to review the programs and mandates of the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.
SD-226

MAY 7

9:15 a.m.

Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for cancer research programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.
SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, focusing on safety issues and programs.
SD-406

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Transportation, focusing on transportation infrastructure financing issues.
SD-124

Judiciary

To hold hearings on S. 507, to establish the United States Patent and Trademark Organization as a Government corporation, and to revise the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, and reexamination reform.
SD-226

2:00 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings on pending nominations.
SD-226

MAY 8

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the effects of competition on fuel use and types of generation.
SH-216

10:00 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Government's impact on television programming.
SD-432

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To resume hearings to examine the process to enlarge the membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
SD-538

MAY 14

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on environmental programs.
SD-192

MAY 15

2:00 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health to review the Columbia River Basin Environmental Impact Statement.
SD-366

MAY 21

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.
SD-192

Judiciary

To hold oversight hearings on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.
SD-226

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the financial implications of restructuring.
SH-216

2:00 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee
To hold a workshop on the proposed "Public Land Management Responsibility and Accountability Act".
SD-366

JUNE 4

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 11

10:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense.
SD-192

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To resume a workshop to examine competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the benefits and risks of restructuring to consumers and communities.
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